(a) the number of NGOs registered with his Ministry;

(b) the NGOs whose work has been found to be satisfactory;

(c) those which have been black listed so far alongwith the reasons for the same; and

(d) the criteria for registering such NGOs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI D. NAPOLEON): (a) This Ministry does not register any Non Governmental Organisations.

(b) During 2008-09, Grant-in-aid to 1768 organisations were released under various schemes, based on their satisfactory performance. In ongoing cases, their satisfactory performance was recommended by the State Governments after their inspection by field functionaries.

(c) 92 Non Governmental Organisations have been black listed or to whom release of further Grants-in-aid have been suspended broadly due to mis-utilisation of funds, diversion of funds for purposes for which the grant was not sanctioned and falsification of documents etc.

(d) Does not arise in view of reply to (a).

National Missions for empowerment of SCs, STs and Minorities

667. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is proposing to set up a National Mission for Empowerment for implementation of women centric programmes; and

(b) whether Government is also considering setting up of National Missions for Empowerment of SCs, STs, OBCs, Religious Minorities and other such disadvantaged sections of the society?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI D. NAPOLEON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

Development of Tourism in Bihar

†668. SHRI RAJNITI PRASAD: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the names of places identified for tourism development in the State of Bihar during current financial year together with the Central share for their funding;

(b) whether Buxar which has mythological and historical importance is included in the above schemes; and

(c) if not, whether Central Government would introduce any scheme for preservation of memorable remanants keeping in view the importance of Buxar?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (KUMARI SELJA): (a) Development and promotion of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. However, the

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, extends Central Financial Assistance under the scheme of Product Infrastructure Development for Destinations and Circuits for tourism projects based on the proposals received from them which are complete in all respects as per the Scheme Guidelines, *inter-se* priority and subject to availability of funds. The scheme includes refurbishment of monuments.

No project proposal has been sanctioned in the state of Bihar in the current financial year.

(b) and (c) No project proposal for development of Tourism in Buxar has been sanctioned by the Ministry of Tourism in the eleventh plan including current financial year under the Product Infrastructure Development for Destinations and Circuits Scheme.

Beautification of Beaches

669. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any scheme for beautification of beaches in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme;

(c) whether there is no such scheme in operation; and

(d) whether Government considers preparing such a scheme?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (d) Ministry of Tourism extends Central Financial Assistance (CFA) to the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for development of tourism products including beautification of beaches under Product/Infrastructure Development for Destinations & Circuits Scheme of the Ministry, on the basis of proposals received from them, *inter-se* priority and subject to availability of funds.

The list of projects for development of tourism including the beautification of beaches sanctioned to the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations by the Ministry of Tourism in the last three years is given in the Statement.

Statement

Projects sanctioned by Ministry of Tourism in the last three years

(Rs. in Lakh)

Sl.No.	State/UT	2006-07		2007-08		2008-09	
		No. of Projects Sanctioned	Amount Sanctioned	No. of Projects Sanctioned	Amount Sanctioned	No. of Projects Sanctioned	Amount Sanctioned
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	Andhra Pradesh	3	1540.56	9	2629.48	7	9980.58
2	Assam	9	2453.39	5	1271.90	4	2107.61